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## **CLINTON COUNTY MAN INDICTED FOR VIOLATING FEDERAL FIREARMS LAWS**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Clinton County, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for transferring a machine gun and being an illegal drug user in possession of a firearm.

**Richard S. Robinson**, 36, of Clinton County, was charged in a two-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City. Today's indictment, Graves explained, replaces a federal criminal complaint that was filed against **Robinson** on Feb. 2, 2005.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Robinson** transferred a machine gun – a Bushmaster .223-caliber rifle with an obliterated serial number – on Jan. 31, 2004.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Robinson** was in possession of firearms while an unlawful user or addicted to cocaine and marijuana. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for an unlawful drug user or addict to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. The indictment alleges that **Robinson** was in possession of a Bushmaster .223-caliber rifle and a DC Industries .308-caliber rifle in February 2005.

According to an affidavit filed in support of the original criminal complaint, **Robinson** stored firearms and ammunition in an underground bunker – two buried cargo containers covered with concrete – on his 20-acre property near Cameron, Mo. The bunker has its own water and air filtration system, the affidavit says, with police scanners, a two-way radio, and surveillance cameras monitoring the outside. The affidavit also describes a large shooting range on the property.

According to the affidavit, **Robinson** traded a fully automatic machine gun – as well as ammunition, a 9 mm handgun and a bulletproof vest – to a Raytown, Mo., man for one pound of high-grade marijuana. The affidavit also alleges that **Robinson** sold another Bushmaster AR-15,

also fully automatic, to another person on the same day.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David A. Barnes. It was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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